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SUBJ: MAYOR BEAME WRITES AMB. ESENBEL THAT HE IS

URGING SUSPENSION OF AID TO TURKEY

REF: DILLON/LORENZ TELECON

1. MAYOR BEAME'S OFFICE HAS SENT AMB. WHITE COPY OF JULY 11 LETTER TO TURKISH AMB. ESENBEL IN WASHINGTON EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN AT "IRREPARABLE DAMAGE" NEW YORK MAY SUFFER FROM TURKEY'S RESUMPTION OF OPIUM PRODUCTION. IN TONE OF SORROW MORE THAN ANGER, LETTER DESCRIBES EFFECT OF HEROIN ADDICTION ON YOUNG PEOPLE OF NEW YORK AND PLEADS THAT TURKEY NOT BE "PARTNER IN THE VILE NARCOTIC TRADE". IT CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT THAT MAYOR IS COMPELLED IN CIRCUMSTANCES TO URGE WASHINGTON OFFICIALS TO SUSPEND ALL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO TURKEY UNTIL OPIUM BAN IS RESUMED.

2. MAYOR ALSO SENT IDENTICAL LETTERS TO TURKISH UN PERM REP OLCAY AND N.Y. CONSUL GENERAL COSKUM. MAYOR'S OFFICE RELEASED TEXT JULY 11, NEW YORK POST YESTERDAY CARRIED STORY OF
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MAYOR'S CALL FOR CUT OFF IN AID, BUT SO FAR AS WE

KNOW NO PAPERS HAVE CARRIED STORY OF LETTER TO
TURKISH OFFICIALS.

3. TEXT OF BEAME'S LETTER FOLLOWS:

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YOUR EXCELLENCY:

I MUST EXPRESS MY OWN PERSONAL DEEP CONCERN AND THE GREAT
CONCERN OF NEW YORK CITY THAT WE MAY SUFFER IRREPARABLE DAMAGE
FROM THE RESUMPTION OF OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY.

EXPERTS IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT, DRUG TREATMENT AND DRUG
ADDICTION PREVENTION FIELDS ARE VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS IN THEIR OPINION
THAT SUCH RESUMPTION OF OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY WILL RESULT IN A
GREAT UPSURGE IN THE ILLEGAL TRAFFIC OF HEROIN.

THIS WILL CAUSE INESTIMABLE HARM TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK
CITY. WE HAVE HAD TO ENDURE AN AWFUL STATISTIC, NAMELY, THAT HALF OF
OUR NATION'S HEROIN ADDICTS OPERATED HERE, BECAUSE THIS CITY WAS THE
MAJOR PORT OF ENTRY FOR THE ILLEGAL SMUGGLING OF HEROIN INTO THIS
COUNTRY.

THEREFORE, WE WERE SO GRATEFUL TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WHEN,
AT THE URGING OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, IT BANNED THE
PRODUCTION OF OPIUM.

WE ARE DISMAYED AND UPSET BY THE NEWS THAT YUR GOVERNMENT
PLANS TO LET AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN YOUR COUNTRY RESUME THE
PRODUCTION OF OPIUM.

I SPEAK FOR EIGHT MILLION NEW YORKERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO SEE OUR
YOUNG PEOPLE DESTROY THEMSELVES THROUGH HEROIN ADDICTION.

HIS EXCELLENCY MELIH ESENBEL

TURKEY MUST LISTEN TO OUR PLEA NOT TO BE A PARTNER IN THE VILE
NARCOTIC TRADE AND IT MUST UNDERSTAND OUR VERY DESPERATE ACTIONS TO
PROTECT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE HORRORS OF DRUG ADDICTION.
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I AM COMPELLED IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES TO URGE OUR OFFICIALS
IN WASHINGTON TO SUSPEND ALL ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO TURKEY,
UNTIL YOUR GOVERNMENT RESUMES ITS BAN ON OPIUM PRODUCTION.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

ABRAHAM D. BEAM

MAYOR. UNQTE
BENNETT

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